



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification for a public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will meet on the dates and times described below. The meeting is open to the public. For additional information about registering to attend the meeting or to provide public comment, please see **Registration** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Pre-Registration is required.

DATES: The NEJAC will convene a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, March 29, and Thursday, March 30, 2023, from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Time each day. The meeting discussions will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, workgroup activity, final recommendations for council consideration, and charges created through collaborations with various EPA national program offices. A public comment period relevant to EPA's water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to ensure communities with environmental justice concerns can obtain technical assistance will be considered by the NEJAC during the meeting (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period must register by **11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, March 22, 2023**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Flores-Gregg, NEJAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; email: nejac@epa.gov; telephone: (214) 665-8123. Additional information about the NEJAC is available at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charter of the NEJAC states that the advisory committee “will provide independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator about broad,

cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice. The NEJAC's efforts will include evaluation of a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement and economic issues related to environmental justice."

I. Registration

Individual registration is required for the public meeting. No two individuals can share the same registration link. Information on how to register is located at

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-meetings>.

Registration to attend the meeting is available through the scheduled meeting days. The deadline to sign up to speak during the public comment period will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, March 22, 2023.

When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address. Please also indicate whether you would like to provide oral public comment during the meeting, or whether you are submitting written comments.

A. Public Comment

The NEJAC is interested in receiving public comments on EPA's water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to ensure communities with environmental justice concerns (particularly for community water systems, decentralized systems, and/or non-existent infrastructure) can obtain technical assistance to address their environmental, public health, affordability and climate resiliency needs, and reduce longstanding and cumulative negative health impacts. Priority to speak during the meeting will be given to public commenters with comments relevant to water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to communities with environmental justice concerns. More information on NEJAC charges is located online at: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-current-charges>. Every effort will be made to hear from as many registered oral public commenters during the time specified on the agenda. Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please be prepared to briefly describe your comments; including your recommendations on what you want the NEJAC to advise the EPA to do. Submitting written comments for the record are strongly encouraged. You can submit your written

comments in three different ways, 1.) by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-nejac-public-comment>, 2.) by sending comments via email to nejac@epa.gov and 3.) by creating comments in the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0101 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments can be submitted through April 13, 2023.

B. Information about Services for Individuals with Disabilities or Requiring English language Translation Assistance

For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, please contact Paula Flores-Gregg, at (214) 665-8123 or via email at nejac@epa.gov. To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the email or phone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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